GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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LINKING OF POLICE STATIONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision to link 14,000 Police Stations with modern equipment like Telephone, Fax, Computer and Cyber network to improve the connectivity and increase their crime fighting capabilities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total funds likely to be incurred and provided in this regard; and

(c) the time by which all the Police Stations are likely to be connected with modern technology and equipment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) As part of CCTNS (Crime and Criminal Tracking and Network System) project, about 15000 Police Stations and 5000 Higher Offices are being linked through a networking solution by BSNL− Virtual Private Network over Broadband (VPNoBB), Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access (WiMax) and Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) Technologies, depending upon the solution feasibility. Each Police Station is being provided with 4 Computers. Providing Telephone and fax equipment is not part of CCTNS project.
(b) & (c) CCTNS was a Mission Mode Scheme approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 19th June 2009 with a provision of Rs 2000 Crores as a 100 % Centrally Sponsored Scheme to be implemented during the remaining part of the 11th five year plan period (2009-2012), which was extended by CCEA by another three years, that is, up-to 31st March 2015.

As part of the project, Rs. 812.38 crores have been released to the States/UTs, out of which Utilization Certificates of Rs. 541.51 crores have been received from States/UTs.
With effect from 1st April 2015, no funds have been allocated to MHA under CCTNS project for assisting the States for project implementation.